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FOR AMBASSADOR EDWIN M. MARTIN

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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

REF: CARACAS 4973

1. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE YOU CAN GIVE US FOR LAYING
GROUND-WORK FOR YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH VENEZUELAN.

2. AS YOU KNOW, VENEZUELA HAS NOT PARTICIPATED IN PRELIMINARY
MEETINGS FOR WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, DUE POSSIBLY TO FACT THAT
FIRST PRELIMINARY MEETING WAS HELD SHORTLY BEFORE NEW
ADMINISTRATION TOOK OFFICE. WE HAVE NOT YET HAD ANY RESPONSE
TO INFORMATION WE HAVE CONTINUED TO SEND THEM ON WORLD FOOD
CONFERENCE.

3. IN HIS ECONOMIC MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ON APRIL 29, PRESIDENT
PEREZ AS EXPECTED GAVE FIRST PRIORITY TO AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-
INDUSTRY SECTORS. USING INCREASED REVENUES FROM PETROLEUM, FUND
OF BS 2 BILLION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT
OF AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. AS ADMINISTRATION HAS POINTED OUT
REPEATEDLY, HOWEVER, THEY ARE BEGINNING FROM NOTHING IN
AGRICULTURAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN ALMOST
TOTALLY NEGLECTED FOR YEARS. NONETHELESS, AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD PRODUCTION ARE NOW IN FORE OF VENEZUELAN
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THINKING, AND THIS MAY SET GOOD ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUR

CONVERSATIONS.

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